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1. General Nicolae Rădescu came to Paris with the intention of summoning a "congress" of Rumanian personalities in order to secure a mandate for the formation of a new Rumanian National Committee that would support his views. He would have proposed as members of such a committee, General Ion Gheorghe, former Rumanian Minister to Germany who is sympathetic to the Iron Guard; Professor Nicolae Ilerescu, a supporter of Rădescu; Horățiu Comănescu, an Iron Guardist with National Peasant sympathies; General Dumitriu Petrescu; Vintilă Brătianu, a member of the Liberal Party; and Anton Crihan, a National Peasant of Bessarabian origin.
2. Rădescu decided, however, not to convoke his "congress" following the death of Grigore Niculescu-Buzesti, National Peasant leader, and the receipt upon his arrest in Europe of a message from King Mihai instructing him to come to an agreement with members of the present National Committee. Leaders of the National Peasant Party, including Augustin Popa, Professor Virgil Veniamin and Anton Crihan, together with General Petrescu, also urged Rădescu to come to an agreement with the membership of the present Committee.
3. Rădescu appears to have convinced himself that he will receive money from the secret Foreign Office fund administered and controlled by Constantin Visoianu and Alexander Cretzianu.
4. It is reported that Rădescu will propose Anton Crihan and Vintila Brătianu as new members of the Rumanian Committee when he is received by King Mihai.
5. Rădescu saw General Ion Gheorghe in Paris and reportedly confirmed his personal mandate to Gheorghe to assume leadership of Rumanian refugees in the western zones of Germany.

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Comment: The leaders of the National Peasant Party have not yet decided to propose Crihan as representative of that party to replace Niculescu-Buzesti in the Committee.

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